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1. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW HERE, AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S ANALYSIS  
(REF A) FOCUSSES ON THE CORE OF THE PRESENT SITUATION:  
(A) THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN IS STILL THE BEST WAY TO BRING ABOUT  
INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE WITH MINIMUM CHANCE OF CIVIL WAR,  
AND (B) AFRICA AND MOST OF THE WORLD ARE WITH US ON THAT PLAN.  
THEREFORE, UNDERTAKING OURSELVES OR GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE  
BRITISH IN PROMOTING MOVES THAT ARE CONTRARY TO AND UNDERMINE  
THAT PLAN SEEMS POOR POLICY INDEED.

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2. THE IDEA OF STICKING TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AND, IF  
MUZOREWA, SITHOLE, AND SMITH COME UP WITH A SETTLEMENT,  
INVITING THEM AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT INTO A NEW, FINAL EFFORT AT  
AN AGREED SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL PARTIES AND HAVE  
INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION STRIKES ME AS THE ONLY PRACTICAL ONE.  
AFRICAN SUSPICIONS OF WESTERN INTENTIONS REMAIN DEEP AND TO TRY  
NOW, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF OWEN'S RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS,

TO DEVISE SOME MONGREL PROPOSAL IS MERELY TO RISK LOSING THE SUPPORT WE NOW HAVE FROM AFRICA.

3. WHATEVER OWEN'S REACTION MAY BE, DICK MOOSE'S "DIVISION OF LABOR" IS A SOUND APPROACH. IF THE UK WISHES TO ADVISE MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF SMITH, THAT'S FINE. THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN COLLABORATION WITH THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT THAT IS INHERENT IN SUCH ACTIVITY SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE UK. MEANWHILE, WE CAN TRY TO KEEP THE FRONT LINE AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FROM BOLTING, LOOKING TO THE TIME WHEN ALL THE PARTIES CAN BE BROUGHT TOGETHER UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AS ANDY YOUNG SUGGESTS.

4. IF EVER THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE NEXT APPROACH TO THE FRONT LINE SHOULD BE MADE INDIVIDUALLY RATHER THAN JOINTLY (REF C), THIS IS IT. FOR ME HERE TO GO IN WITH THE UK ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER AND LEND SUPPORT TO AN APPROACH BASED ON WHAT OWEN HAS SAID IN LONDON WOULD BE TO THROW AWAY MUCH OF OUR CREDIBILITY WITH NYERERE AS THE BRITISH HAVE ALREADY THROWN AWAY THEIRS. INDEED, TANGOV MAY NOT EVEN AGREE TO TALK SERIOUSLY TO BRITISH SHORT OF A PUBLIC UK STATEMENT OF THEIR SUPPORT OF AAP. MOOSE MIGHT TRY TO GET BRITISH AGREEMENT TO LEAVING THE FORM OF THE APPROACH IN INDIVIDUAL FRONT LINE CAPITALS TO THE AMBASSADORS CONCERNED.

5. AS TO WHAT WE WILL WANT TO SAY TO NYERERE AND THE FRONT LINE,  
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THE VERY NATURE OF THE PRIVATE AND CONTINUING DIALOGUE WHICH CAN BE CARRIED ON BY DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SPOT AND THEIR SOMETIMES CONVENIENT NEED TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OR INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS SUGGESTS THAT OUR INITIAL MESSAGE AT LEAST COULD BE SLIGHTLY LESS CATEGORICAL THAN THE ONE WE INDICATED DICK MOOSE WHOULD HAVE TO HAVE IN DAR 0757. IT WOULD STILL, HOWEVER, HAVE TO BE MORE THAN A MERE ENUMERATION OF OUR PROBLEMS AND A REQUEST FOR ADVICE. REF A WOULD DO VERY WELL INDEED.

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